

However Government has already taken up steps under various developmental schemes relating to seeds watershed development, extension, machinery, marketing etc. to address the issue of productivity in Orissa.

Cultivation of Sugarcane in Brazil

†2587. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has formulated a plan to grow sugarcane in Brazil;

(b) whether it is also that there is a proposal to take one lakh hectares of land on lease for implementation of this plan; and

(c) if so, the justification for this plan and whether it won't be prejudicial to the farmers of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) There is no proposal before the Government to grow sugarcane in Brazil.

(c) The Question does not arise.

Grameen Bhandaran Yojana

2588. SHRI SUDARSHAN AKARAPU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a new scheme "Grameen Bhandaran Yojana" to create storage capacity in rural areas;

(b) if so, the number of godowns set up under the scheme in the rural areas as on 31st October, 2006, State-wise;

(c) the total storage capacity created, so far, under the scheme; and

(d) the total amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Since inception of the scheme on 1.4.2001, upto 31st October, 2006 in the rural areas of the country, 12,777 storage projects have been

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sanctioned under the scheme. State-wise numbers are given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(c) The total storage capacity of the rural godowns sanctioned so far under the scheme is 171.84 lakh tonnes, out of which works with a storage capacity of 152.52 lakh tonnes had already been completed as on 31.3.2006.

(d) Since inception of the scheme, an amount of Rs. 404.68 crore has been sanctioned and released under the scheme.

Statement

Number of rural godown sanctioned under the scheme (Position as on 31-10-2006—Cumulative)

Sl. No.	State	Sanctioned by NABARD No. of projects	Sanctioned by NCDC (New) No. of projects	Total new construction No. of projects	Sanctioned by NCDC (Renovation) No. of projects	Total No. of projects
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Andhra Pradesh	564	57	621	51	672
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	1	0	1	0	1
3.	Assam	106	1	107	0	107
4.	Bihar	8	157	165	2	167
5.	Chhattisgarh	164	63	227	0	227
6.	Gujarat	1246	32	1278	19	1297
7.	Haryana	174	69	243	104	347
8.	Himachal Pradesh	0	31	31	0	31
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	1	1	2	0	2
10.	Karnataka	1002	41	1043	1	1044
11.	Kerala	19	30	49	8	57
12.	Madhya Pradesh	837	225	1062	120	1182
13.	Maharashtra	1206	32	1238	129	1367
14.	Meghalaya	2	34	36	3	39
15.	Nagaland	1	0	1	0	1

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
16.	Orissa	138	0	138	0	138
17.	Punjab	3256	14	3270	213	3483
18.	Rajasthan	144	90	234	116	350
19.	Tamilnadu	48	24	72	2	74
20.	Uttar Pradesh	108	89	197	693	890
21.	Uttaranchal	34	22	56	0	56
22.	West Bengal	1132	91	1223	15	1238
23.	UTs	0	0	0	0	0
24.	NAFED	0	06	6	0	6
25.	NCCF	0	1	1	0	1
TOTAL:		10191	1110	11301	1476	12777

Agriculture Relief Commission in Maharashtra

†2589. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that constitution of an Agriculture Relief Commission in Maharashtra has been suggested in view of suicides being committed by the farmers in Maharashtra so that immediate relief can be provided to farmers in crisis;

(b) if so, the decision taken in this regard;

(c) whether any provision has been made to extend immediate economic relief to farmers on failure or damage of their crops so that farmers are not forced to commit suicide; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) The Government of India have been implementing the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme since Rabi 1999-2000 as a part of risk management in agriculture. The intention is to provide financial support to

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